

REMARKS

Claims 6-10 and 32-35 are pending in the subject application.

Applicants have herein canceled all pending claims other than claims 6-10 and 32-35.

In a telephonic interview conducted on November 28, 2006, the Examiner indicated that claims 6-10 and 32-35 were allowable over the prior art of record. The Examiner, however, later advised Applicants' undersigned representative that newly discovered prior art precluded the allowance of claims 6-10 and 32-35. Accordingly, Applicants request that a new, non-final Office Action be issued so that Applicants have an opportunity to respond to a rejection based on the newly discovered prior art.

The amendments made herein involve only the cancellation of claims and are therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments should be entered.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of claims 6-10 and 32-35, as presented herein. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6902. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP001).

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